

Ball: References in Ebenezer Parkman's Diary

This file contains Parkman's references to members of the Ball family, including Dr. Stephen Ball.

Dr. Stephen Ball

born Dec. 21, 1735, son of James and Sarah (Harrington) Ball (Northborough VR, 15)
married, May 23, 1765, Mary Fairbank of Lancaster (Westborough VR, 119)

Mary d. Mar. ____, 1782 (Northborough VR, 126)

1782 February 27 (Wednesday). The Funeral of Dr. *Balls* Wife. Elias goes to attend upon it. May God Sanctifie the Bereavement to the poor Doctor; but newly Snatched from Death himself!

Mary, wife of Stephen, died March ____, 1782. Northborough VR, 126.
died Oct. 17, 1798, a. 62 (Northborough VR, 127)

1727 February 22, 23, 24 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday). Mr. Ball (Junior) cut wood for me.

1727 February 27 (Monday). Mr. Ball (Nathan) brought me Tobacco.

1728 March 7 (Thursday). Captain Fay and his wife, Wheeler and James Ball stopt at my house.

1736 February 14 (Saturday). Mr. *Livermore* came to desire me to visit Mr. *James Ball's* little Daughter being very Sick -- And though it was with great Difficulty and when my preparations for the Sabbath were very backward, yet I complied and went -- called to see old Mrs. *Holloway* as I went, and the widow *Fay* as I returned.

1736 February 16 (Monday). Sent my Books to Mr. *Livermore* to be new vamped, (Sent 'em) by Mr. James Ball, Constable, who was here this Evening.

1736 March 24 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Holloway, Mr. Wheeler, Livermore, Neighbour Ball, Billings, Cwees, Silas and Timothy Fay, _____ Cutting, Phinehas Ball (sent my [*sic*] Mr. James Ball) and John Oake came and gott me Fencing stuff, Posts and Rails, in the Ministerial Lot.

1736 June 1 (Tuesday). Mr. James Ball rode with me over as far as one *Larkins* on the Edge of Lancaster.

1736 October 11 (Monday). Dined there about 2 or 3 ho. p.m. and thence to Mr. Joseph Rice's to visit Madam (who was heretofore Madam [Cornay?] of Boston) -- Thence up to Mr. Thomas Warrins of Westborough and further up to Mr. *Lawrence's*, to Mr. Balls and Mr. Wheelers and thence home.

1737 November 10 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Thomas Ward at Mr. Nathan Balls's.

1738 June 8 (Thursday). P.M. was Church meeting. I was oblig'd to leave the Company. About 28 members were together. Brother Nathan Ball would not vote at all.

1738 September 7 (Thursday). Left Scotts 1/2 after 2. One Mr. Ball of Springfield and an Irishman bound to Glasgow added to the Company. At Lambs in Springfield 1/2 after 3.

1738 December 8 (Friday). N.B. In my absence a good Ewe (that which Mr. Ball presented me at the Setting up my Flock) fell into the old House Cellar and dy'd there.

1739 May 26 (Saturday). N.B. at Weston I met with Mr. David Ball of Boston who was come with Mrs. Pierpont, Mr. Stephen White and Mrs. Sarah Noyes from New Haven Yesterday, and the 3 last were at my House.

1740 April 3 (Thursday). I rode over to the North side of the town, to Mr. Caruths, to Mr. Haywards and Bakers -- to Mr. Livermores, Balls and Wheelers.

1740 September 2 (Tuesday). My Wife rode to Mr. Winchesters a.m. and with me p.m. to Mr. Wheelers, Mr. Balls, etc. and thence over the Hill to Mr. Gamels, Jesse Maynards, etc.

1740 November 2 (Sunday). Mrs. Ball (wife of Nathan) din'd with us.

1742 May 20 (Thursday). At Evening Solemnized the Marriage of Jonas Child to Sibyl Shattuck and Jonathan Cutting to Sarah Ball. These Nuptial Solemnitys were at Capt. *Eagers*. N.B. Mr. Jenison made the last prayer.

1742 June 30 (Wednesday). P.M. My wife and I rode to Mr. Wheelers and to Mr. James Balls -- visited the rest on the Hill. Married Joshua Johnson to Hannah Ball at her Fathers, where there was a good Entertainment and Considerable Company.

1744 June 12 (Tuesday). Captain Maynard's Training. Great Ruffle and Contests in the Breasts and partly breaking forth in the Conduct and Conversations of many of the North side soldiers. N.B. Mr. Wheeler as I was going into the Meeting House to prayer, told me he thought they were hardly in a Frame fit for Such Things -- but I ask'd him whether we ought not to labour to be Compos'd, at least so far forth to beg of God to prepare us? A great Favour that Colonel Nahum Ward and Colonel Williams came, and were present at Reading the Laws, Viewing arms etc. that the unruly might be rebuk'd and kept down. N.B. It had been said that a certain Man on the North side [promised?] a Gallon of Rum if they would rebell against Captain Maynard -- and a man was ready (as it was conceived) to head them. Mr. Wheeler was thought to be the first of these and Corporal Nathan Ball the other. But in Public and whenever I was present I saw no indecency for which I was greatly rejoic'd and that Captain Eager and Lieutenant

Holloway din'd with us at Captain Maynards, as did Mr. Salter (who went down with me) likewise.

1744 June 24 (Sunday). Morning -- preach'd at North Shrewsbury.... After the Exercises Ebenezer Ball piloted me over to his uncle Livermore's....

1744 September 9 (Sunday). Mr. Coollidge and Mr. James Balls wife din'd with us.

1745 January 4 (Friday). Bad Weather, yet Mr. William Caruth coming to call me to Visit Mr. Simon Howards young Child, I went over -- and having admonish'd them for their Neglect in not bringing it to Baptism, now the third Month -- I sent to all those Neighbours round about who could be thought to attend, who accordingly came; Several of the Church, viz. Mr. Nathan Ball, Mr. Livermore, Mr. Townsend, and others -- who all judging and Concluding that the Child would not live but was near its End, I baptiz'd it by the name of Solomon.

1745 January 11 (Friday). The Town met again about my Affairs.... At Eve came Captain Eager, Lieutenant Holloway, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Livermore, Mr. James Ball, Mr. Jesse Brigham, Mr. Nathaniel Oake and Lieutenant Tainter and several of them had not heard the Paper which I read to the Town on the 7th. I did not read it for it was nigh Dark and they were Moving; but I gave them the Substance and enquir'd whether any one had a Mind to say anything about the Things which had been offer'd....

1745 January 20 (Sunday). Mr. James Balls wife din'd here.

1745 May 9 (Thursday). Mr. Bacon upon his journey home and I rode to Mr. Nathan Balls to see his son Ebenezer who was in a Languishing State. N.B. Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Ball told me that their Northernmost part, being disappointed by their Brethren of the Precinct, were proposing to unite with a Number of Familys in Bolton and build Still another Meeting House.

1745 May 23 (Thursday). Not many North Side People at Lecture. N.B. Ebenezer Ball, in a Consumption brought low, was pray'd for.

1745 May 30 (Thursday). I rode again to Mr. Nathan Balls to see his son Ebenezer who grows worse. I visited Mr. Livermores Family, one of whose Daughters of about 11 years of age has been much troubled with Fitts. N.B. I took some pains, as I had Opportunity to Enquire into the Reasons of the absence of Such a Number of the Northside Members from the last Communion. Mr. Livermore prevented by his Daughters Fitts. Mrs. Hannah Ball and divers others disquieted in their minds with their Differences.

1745 August 27 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Ball and Mr. Wheeler here.

1745 September 11 (Wednesday). Mr. James Ball, Laurence and James Rice were here, and brought me a Paper sign'd by eleven persons of the North precinct Shewing that they were against their Brethrens appointing the Fast approaching in order to call and settle a minister. A

Fast, they acknowledge, there is reason for and they are ready to join in one, but not for the Calling a Minister.

1745 September 23 (Monday). Wrote to my Mother and Brother Samuel. Din'd at Lieutenant Holloways, with Mr. Prentice of Lancaster and Mr. Cushing; afterwards came Mr. Morse; but Mr. Goss was gone to Brookfield to see his Father who is sick. After Mr. Prentice had pray'd, The Committee appointed to wait on the Ministers for their Advice came in, viz. Messrs. Livermore, Townsend, McAllister, Jacob and Matthias Rice, and by word of mouth express'd the Desire of the Precincts. There came in also Mr. Wheeler, Ball etc. who were dissatisfy'd with proceeding at the present to settle a minister. After hearing both sides at large, they withdrew and the ministers conferr'd one with another. We look'd as impartially as we could into each part of the Case, and drew up and sign'd our Advice to them which was also read to them. But when Mr. Wheeler heard it, he was not a little Disturb'd. Several of us in the Ministry address'd them with earnest Exhortations, Cautions etc.

1745 October 24 (Thursday). P.M. I visited Susanna Ball who lies very bad of the Distemper, and Mrs. Wheeler who is ill of a plaister.

1745 November 4 (Monday). In the Morning (which was very Cold) I rode over to Mr. Balls (in my way went into Lieutenant Holloways, where was Mr. Rand). Suse Ball very low and distress'd. Fever, Flux and Canker. The Flux abates but the Canker eats. Was at Mr. Livermores, Mr. James Ball's....

1745 December 6 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Wheeler and James Ball here, and were full of Grievance and perplexity about the proceedings of the North Precinct.

1745 December 12 (Thursday). North side Committee for waiting on Mr. Martyn with their Call, not going over to Bolton yesterday when the appointment was (for they refus'd to go over because Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Ball and other opposers would go over with them) went over to him to Day.

1746 April 30 (Wednesday). A Number of Brethren from the North side here, viz. Messrs. Townsend, Allen and his Son, Matthias Rice and Silas Fay: and with them Mr. John McCollister desiring to be dismiss'd and recommended to the building a Church of Christ in the North part of the Town. I mention'd to them their Delinquency on Communion Days, their Injustice towards me respecting the arrears which were due to me from the Town, and the securing to me the Material [ministerial?] Rights. At Length came Mr. Wheeler, James Ball and Jacob Rice, who were opposite to the former and to their proceedings. Mr. Ball mention'd his Desire of a Church Meeting in order to have Some Conference and to sett all Things to Rights before we Divide and his proposal of a Meeting was agreed to.

1746 May 19 (Monday). Mr. McAllister here for his Certificat; and Mr. Matthias Rice here with a Letter from Mr. Martyn concerning my preaching his Ordination sermon which I had already consented to in Case the Council Should advise that we Should join in the work of that Day. I

rode over to Mr. Allens, and there (at the Mill) wrote a Letter to Mr. Barrett, Seconding a Letter from Mr. Martyn desiring him to come prepar'd to preach in Case etc. I din'd at Mr. Palatiah Rice's. Bought peas at 16 shillings and wheat at 18 pence per Bushel. Was at Mr. Thomas Warrins, at the widow Coolidge's, at Mr. McAllisters, Gershom Fay's, Lawrence's and Mr. Nathan Balls. N.B. his Son Ebenezer lyes by with a broken Thigh. I proceed'd (according to my main Design in going out to Day) to visit Mrs. Livermore who is in a Wasting Condition. In Return was at Mr. James Balls. There were Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Jacob Rice, Lawrence, etc. contriving and preparing to oppose the Ordinance[;] call'd at Mr. George Smiths and Timothy Fays. N.B. in their Talk of Mr. Martyn I was every way endeavouring to mollifie etc., and should they make the worst of it they might Remember the Story of St. Augustine who did not preach till he was 35.

1747 March 2 (Monday). Town Meeting. Mr. Wheeler and Nathan Ball came to request me to go to prayer with them.

1747 April 12 (Sunday). Deacon Fay, Mr. Nathan Balls wife, and Mr. Zebulon Rice's wife din'd here.

1747 April 14 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. White of Lancaster and his wife (who was a Ball) accompany'd me to Lancaster.

1747 May 8 (Friday). I went first to see Betty Ball (daughter of Mr. James Ball) who lyes very Sick of a Fever. She was very thankfull to me and behav'd with a great Deal of Decency. She confess'd her Youthful Vanitys on the Lords Day especially, and pray'd me to Exhort and Charge her Brothers and sisters -- which I did -- pray'd with her and them. Din'd there and went from thence to Mr. Wheelers.

1747 May 22 (Friday). After Prayer, Mr. Martyn accompanying the Corps [Joseph Wheeler] to the Grave, I rode over to see Betty Ball who is very low and dangerous and pray'd with her.

1747 July 30 (Thursday). Mr. Bass and I rode over to Mr. Martyns. Din'd (though late) there. Thence we rode to Mr. Wheelers (who wanted to see me upon the Affair of the Great Bible etc.) we went to both the Ball's. We went and came by Mr. How's.

1747 August 19 (Wednesday). Betty Ball here to be examin'd.

1748 May 8 (Sunday). Gave public Notice of the Funeral of Isaac Amsdens Child to be tomorrow morning 8 o'clock. N.B. I wrote to Mr. Martyn at noon, and sent it this Eve after meeting by Mr. James Ball to let him know of this Funeral....

1748 May 16 (Monday). I rode to Lancaster to see Mrs. Wheeler. Mr. James Ball went with me.

1748 May 17 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. James Ball and Mr. Jacob Rice pay their part to the old Arrears, and paid nigh double in denomination.

1748 October 27 (Thursday). [Rutland.] We were not ready with the Result till late p.m., for another Affair arose before us -- viz. a Quarrell between Captain Edward Rice and Deacon Eleazer Ball. A Number of the Council went to the Meeting House to assist the Church in reconciling those Brethren -- but in Vain.

1748 November 15 (Tuesday). Captain Baker and Ensign Miller accompany'd me to Lancaster to the Installment of Mr. Timothy Harrington. We din'd at Mr. Nathan Balls.

1749 May 11 (Thursday). I went to Mr. James Balls to look of an Heiffer (which I bought) his price and which I agreed to was 20£ old Tenor. N.B. David Bates, an Young Man, there, who was bit by a Rattle snake last Tuesday.

1749 October 4 (Wednesday). [Rutland.] Mr. Buckminster pray'd and though Captain Rice was much against submitting his Case to our Cognizance, yet the Church and Deacon Ball requesting it we adjourn'd to tomorrow morning and Mr. Cambell and I lodg'd at Mr. Buckminsters.

1749 October 6 (Friday). Deacon Ball came to us early to see whether his Wife, who had been distress'd all Night might not come to us and declare her Mind. We consented but Captain Rice must be present. He was therefore sent for, came and we labour'd with them all, after which drew up our Report and advice, and did our utmost to reconcile 'em. But now the Tables were turn'd; our Difficulty was with Captain Rice no longer, or with his son (John). Deacon Ball was the person that now appear'd inexorable, and not to be satisfy'd with our Judgement and award. The Church who had met in the forenoon, and again in the p.m. were call'd together after sun setting and we went into the Meeting House, read what we determin'd -- and Captain Rice and his son accepted it; and the Church by their Vote also approv'd of it, but Deacon Ball stood out to the last. Mr. Campbell pray'd and we broke up; our Hearts griev'd that we are forc'd to leave any Remains of the Contention. But blessed be God for any Measure of Success! Very Cold Nights one after another. We lodge still at Mr. Buckminsters.

1750 March 26 (Monday). Mr. Buckminster of Rutland here. Their Divisions, especially Captain Rice and Deacon Ball's Still continue.

1751 February 2 (Saturday). At Eve in much Trouble. A Cow ready to Calve missing; and my young Horse lam'd himself in the Stable. He was hung by one of his fore feet in the floor of the Manger, and after much Striving fell down on the outside of the Manger, in great pain -- but was heard and Seasonably reliev'd -- but the Cow (which I bought of Mr. James Ball) missing all night though we search'd up and down the woods till about midnight, and considerable Snow upon the Ground.

1752 May 22 (Friday). Sir Forbush Sends his Chest (containing a number of Valuable Books which I have sold him, viz. Hammond, Saurin, Edwards) by one Ball to Brookfield.

1754 January 21 (Monday). Mr. Ephraim Woods of Southborough here. Mr. James Ball -- I paid him what I ow'd him. 12£ old Tenor.

1754 October 3 (Thursday). When I came home found Mr. Ball of Grafton here, who had carry'd Mr. Bliss's Stackhouse for me.

1755 November 30 (Sunday). Miss Mary Steward, Miss Patience Woods and Miss Grace Ball din'd here.

1755 December 10 (Wednesday). Mr. Nathaniel Whitney here at Eve and tells me the Town Meeting on the 8th did nothing upon my Paper which I sent and was (he said) presented, by Captain Baker. But he tells me that Lieutenant Tainter takes off the Force of any Such Petition, for he says that he has paid 20£ old Tenor towards that Debt -- and Harrington has some pounds more: so that there is very little remaining now. In answer to which I assur'd him (Mr. Whitney) that no Body had to my Knowledge paid a Farthing of that Debt but Messrs. James Ball, and Jacob Rice, and Captain Maynard.

1756 May 31 (Monday). Nahum, Son of Mr. James Ball, came for me to visit his Father, and I accordingly went. Found him very low and nigh to Death, yet very much in the Dark as to preparation. Dined there.

1756 June 2 (Wednesday). Should have had some Expectation of Mr. Martyn to preach my Lecture but that I hear Mr. *James Ball* dyed the night before last and is to be buryed to Day. I therefore preached my self. My Text Ps. 106.4. As to Mr. *Ball* he was one of those 12 who were the Covenanters that began this Church. And there are but 2 of them that now survive, viz. *Old Mr. Maynard*, and *Old Mr. Bradish*. May God prepare each of us to follow, that we may depart in Peace and see His Salvation!

1756 September 15 (Wednesday). I rode up to Mr. Balls in Grafton to get Lime for Plaistering; and agreed with him for an Hogshead of Smithfield-Lime for [7?]£ 10/ Old Tenor.

1756 September 25 (Saturday). N.B. Mr. Nathaniell Ball of Grafton brought me an Hogshead of Lime from *Smithsfield*: for which I gave him a Note for one pound Lawful Money to be paid Jan. 1st next.

1756 December 30 (Thursday). I send word also by him [Billy] to Mr. Ball to Desire him not to come for Money I ow'd him, Mr. Pratt who owes me not having paid me.

1757 January 13 (Thursday). N.B. At Eve sent by Mr. Ebenezer *Cutler* £[70.10?].0 Old Tenor to be left at Mr. Winchesters for Mr. Nathaniel Ball of Grafton. Mr. Joseph Batchelor was with him.

1757 November 15 (Tuesday). N.B. Wrote to Mr. Pemberton at Boston per Mr. Ball of Grafton.

1759 October 30 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter at Evening tells me *Nahum Ball* (son of the late Mr. James Ball) AEt. 29 dyed yesterday.

1759 December 15 (Saturday). Sorrowful News of the Death of Mr. *Thomas Ball of Brookfield*, at Waltham, by the Wheel of his Cart running over him. May God prepare me for sudden Death! Besides the Account given by Mr. Gale who din'd with us, my Son Baldwin (who returned from Boston, and came nigh sunseting) confirmed it; and Said he saw the Corps.

1759 December 16 (Sunday). P.M. On the Occasion of Mr. Thomas Balls Sudden Death I repeated a sermon on 1 Cor. , former part. ["Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."] At Eve read Mr. Eliots sermon on Ps. 126, Oct. 25 last.¹

1760 January 7 (Monday). N.B. Town meeting to call in Town Debts. I talked with Deacon Livermore, Mr. Nathan Ball, and divers others concerning the Towns Arrears to Me.

1760 March 11 (Tuesday). My Wife and I rode in my Sleigh to see Deacon Tainter who, tis to be hoped, is in an healing Way. Dr. Crosby and Dr. Ball were there, and we saw both Leggs Dressed.

1760 July 23 (Wednesday). At Deacon Tainters Motion a Number of Hands came and cutt down my Field of Rye, back of the Meeting House. A Sett before Meeting and another sett after. They were Deacon Tainter, his son and servant, Mr. Daniel Forb., Thomas Twitchell, and Joseph Harrington, also Lieutenant Harrington -- these before meeting. P.M. were Joseph Harrington, Tainters young man, viz. John Ball, Noah Hardy, Adam Rice, John Wood and a Young man with him. A great Kindness, we treated them as well as I could. May God reward them!

1760 August 11 (Monday). This Morning, having Mr. Nathaniel Balls mare to draw in my Chair, my wife and I sat out upon our Journey to Rutland and Brookfield.

1760 October 26 (Sunday). Dr. *Ball*, late in the morning, called at the Door, to desire me to visit Neighbour Seth Morse's Child, which he thought would dye before Noon or to come when meeting was over. I had no Horse; and it was too late; I went not.

1761 January 16 (Friday). Try Mr. Nathaniel *Balls* young mare, which I sent for at his Desire yesterday.

1761 March 19 (Thursday). I visit Mr. *Aaron Nurse*, who droops and has had Dr. Ball with him.

¹Andrew Eliot, *A sermon preached October 25th. 1759. Being a day of public thanksgiving appointed by authority, for the success of the British arms this year; especially in the reduction of Quebec, the capital of Canada* (Boston: Daniel and John Kneeland, 1759; Evans 8343)

1764 July 24 (Tuesday). One o'clock a.m. Mrs. P _____ returns. *Mrs. Bowman has a Son.* She was delivered by Dr. Ball, not without Instrument.

1764 September 8 (Saturday). *Lydia* has been with us for some Days; but is now not well and goes to Dr. Ball to be bled.

1764 September 17 (Monday). I proceeded to Mr. Daniel Nurse's, Mr. N. Ball's, and to the widow Smith's. At the last House (by Mr. Balls forwarding it), I prayed after we had sung part of a Psalm.

1764 October 1 (Monday). Sent by Mr. Nathaniel Ball for my Mare from Boston which Samuel rode on.

1764 October 3 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Nathaniel Ball returns from Boston, but does not bring my Mare. Soon came my Cousin Nathaniel on her. He has been sick and is still in a weak Condition.

1765 January 16 (Wednesday). I visit Ebenezer Brigham (who lives at the Joslin place) having heard he was ill. Discoursed with him. Instructed and prayed with him. Dr. Balls young man, *Fales*, came. I dined there.

1765 February 5 (Tuesday). But 50£ old Tenor I delivered to Mr. *Nathaniel Ball* for my Brother from Mr. Forbush. It being money which I pay him upon my Note to him. And by this, pay the full of it.

1765 February 19 (Tuesday). It is so bad riding on Horseback, that I went in my sleigh to see Mr. Ebenezer Brigham who is very bad again; and especially has terrible sores, like Cancers, upon his Hands. I dined there.

1765 February 22 (Friday). Visit Mr. *Ebenezer Brigham* again and pray with him. Many there. I conversed with him with much Fervency, and it seems to succeed in some Measure. D.G. Dr. *Ball* and *Fales* there, and Expect Dr. *Wilson* and *Dexter*: but it looks as if in vain.

1765 March 21 (Thursday). Mr. *Nathaniel Ball* here with Complaint against Mr. *Hutchinsons* keeping such a Number of Schollars. I advised him rather to use humble, endearing, Mollifying Methods, than to proceed informality [*sic*].

1765 April 4 (Thursday). Then visit at Mr. Bowmans, I. Pratts, Twitchells, Dunlops, Joseph Morse's, John Balls, [Mark?] Pratts, Deacon Forb. and Kendals, Mr. Kendals being very poor and low.

1765 May 17 (Friday). Several Lads came to assist in getting out Muck and placing it in the Hills. Neighbour Levi Warrin sends Benjamin Ball and Benjamin Whitney; Mr. Tainter Sends Jonathan Forbes. They dine here.

1765 August 22 (Thursday). My Wife and Daughter Baldwin ride to Dr. Balls, to consult him about her Case.

1765 August 31 (Saturday). P.M. *Lucy* and *Suse* in Capt. Woods Chair, ride to Dr. Balls.

1765 September 25 (Wednesday). Mr. Nathaniel Ball brings a Letter from Cousen Loyd to his Wife, of the Sickness of their Child, and desiring her to go down forthwith. We are in some Confusion upon it, being unprovided as to any Means of her Conveyance. Therefore wrote to him this Evening by *Jonah Stow*.

1767 April 1 (Wednesday). Capt. *Baker* of Bolton comes with an Horse for me to go to Deacon [Simon Tainter]. Find him very low; Dr. *Darling* and Dr. *Ball* there and do all that in them lies -- but strive in vain to put up his Bowels into place. Excrements (as tis conceived) are voided at his Mouth. Prayed with him.

1767 April 2 (Thursday). My dear Friend and Brother Deacon *Simon Tainter* dyed! He expired about 11 o'Clock a.m. May God sanctify this Death in a peculiar Manner to Me and Mine. Though my good Deacon is gone, yet God, who is All-sufficient, lives and is unchangeable for ever.

1767 May 15 (Friday). Am sent for to go to Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlins junior -- his Wife being in Travail and can't be delivered -- went -- found she was delivered but the Child dead. Prayed. Dr. Ball accompanied me back.

1767 June 18 (Thursday) At my Return, found at my House my Daughters Parkman and Baldwin. One had been to Watertown, the other at Dr. Balls.

1767 June 19 (Friday). My Daughters attempted to journey yesterday, but returned by reason of the Rain. This morning they set out; but my Daughter Baldwin proposes only to Dr. Balls.

1767 June 24 (Wednesday). Visit at Mr. Temples -- and thinking my Daughter Baldwin is at Dr. Balls, or to be heard of there, I went there; but she was gone home with her sister Parkman to Brookfield.

1768 April 16 (Saturday). I rode to Mr. Thomas Temple's to see his Child; and prayed. Went to Dr. Ball's where I din'd and Mr. Whitney likewise.

1768 May 15 (Sunday). Hear that my Daughter *Baldwin* is at Dr. Balls; being poorly again.

1768 May 16 (Monday). I got Deacon Woods Chair and rode over to Dr. *Balls*. Found my Daughter there, and went with her to Mr. *Whitneys*, and dined there.

1768 July 9 (Saturday). Suse informs me that Mr. *Nathan Ball* of Northborough dyed suddenly the night before last. May God sanctifie this to us!

1768 September 28 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. John Balls wife here -- examined.

1768 October 19 (Wednesday). I rode Mr. Moore's Horse to visit in the South Part of the Town. Went to Mr. *Whitneys*, forwarding Chairs for *Suse*. Called at a Number of Houses; but especially (as my chief Design was) at Mr. Joseph Morse's, and Mr. John Balls.

1768 November 3 (Thursday). Mrs. P _____ informs me that Miss *Bulah Bent* and with her the Widow Ball, has been here to see us, on the 1st instant, as was Mr. Barrett.

1769 June 5 (Monday). I visit poor *Garfield*, from whom one Testicle has been extracted by Dr. *Ball*. He is more humble and penitent, and asks me to pray with him. Which I complied with. And am greatly rejoiced at any Signs of his Penitence.

1769 September 18 (Monday). Went to Dr. *Ball* and got his Chaise for *Sarah* to go to *Boston*.

1769 October 10 (Tuesday). I rode into the south to visit, dined at Deacon Bonds. Visit old Mrs. Woods at Mrs. Kendals. At Mr. Martyn Pratts, Mr. John Balls, Mr. Ebenezer Bucks, Mr. Dunlops, Isaac Adams's (where came Mr. *Partridge*, Mrs. Adams's Father).

1769 November 14 (Tuesday). Mrs. *Arnold* in Labour. Mrs. P _____ is gone to her. Her Husband is gone for Dr. Ball, but her Distress dispatches *John* after them to make greater Haste. She is delivered before the Doctor comes.

1769 November 28 (Tuesday). John Rogers and Esther Ball were married at Evening.

1770 November 27 (Tuesday). I rode to Northborough. Received of Capt. Maynard 70/ old Tenor. Payd Dr. *Ball* for his Chaise 56/3 Old Tenor.

1770 December 18 (Tuesday). P.M. The Church met on 1. Levi Warrins Case. He gave two papers, one was signed by himself and wife: the other was a Certificate from Dr. Ball. N.B. Nine out of 28, vote that we proceed to their Admission. They were Mr. Daniel Hardy, David Maynard, Capt. Benjamin Fay, Capt. Jonas Brigham, B. Taynter, Seth Morse, Thomas Twitchell, D. Adams, and Mr. A. Gale.

1771 January 16 (Wednesday). Visit old Mr. *Jonah Warrin* under the impairs of his Health and his Daughter in Law, Mrs. *Deborah Warrin*, who is sick. Dr. *Ball* there. Prayed with them.

1771 November 25 (Monday). The *Cutters* were Joseph Harrington, Eli Harrington, [blank] Davis, Antipas Maynard, Edward Gay (for himself), John McCulloch for Deacon Wood; Benjamin Ball for Mr. Morse, Mr. Timothy Warrin junior, Samuel Andrews, Jonathan Maynard, Benjamin Tainter, these three (I suppose) for their Fathers, and Nathaniel Chamberlin for Lt. Baker. They

cutt in and carted from the Ministerial Lot. They Supped here at Evening except a few, viz. Messrs. Abraham Bond, Abraham Beeman and Benjamin Ball, that went home with their Teams. Seven Quarts of Rum were sent and given. Capt. Brigham sent a Loin of Mutton and Capt. Maynard 22 1/2 lbs. of Beef.

1772 April 8 (Wednesday). Lieut. Baker and I p.m. rode over to Lieut. *Martyn*, he being brought very low; consuming away. Dr. *Wilson, Ball, Joslyn* etc. there in Consultation.

1772 October 23 (Friday). Ventured to make a Visit to Mrs. Fay. Found the Ensign not well, but his Wife delirious. Their Daughter, Mrs. *Rhoda* Maynard, much overcome. I conversed as I could, but was not asked to pray. However, Several of the Young Persons Said they hoped I would not forget them. Dr. *Ball* there and informs me that the Council at Holden is over, and that Mr. *Davis* is dismissed.

1772 November 5 (Thursday). At night I married Mr. *John Ball* of *Northborough* to Miss *Molly Baker* (the late Squire Bakers Daughter).

1772 December 24 (Thursday). Mr. *John Ball* carrys his Wife home.

1773 February 1 (Monday). Wrote several Letters. One to Mr. David Hitchcock of Brookfield. Another to the Honorable Mr. Hubbard in behalf of Neighbour Morse, Levi Warrin and John Ball.

1773 December 14 (Tuesday). P.M. The two *Mrs. Bakers* and Mrs. *Ball* (heretofore *Molly Baker*) with her Child, made us a Visit.

1774 April 3 (Sunday). But what a Surprize were we thrown into by hasty Riding, etc. for the Doctors, for me etc. *Mrs. Morse* unhappy Woman! has cutt her own Throat with a Razor! about 1/2 an hour before meeting was done. I hastened to the House of Distress. Saw the horrid wound -- about 2 inches long. Dr. Hawes tells me the Wind-pipe is cut about half through. She is alive and to appearance Sensible. Sits pretty still while the Doctor Sews up the Gashes. But I say very little to her, as she under the Operation least it should Set her a Bleeding. Dr. *Ball* came to Assistance. Many people were gathered in to behold the Sorrowful Spectacle. Mr. *Morse* requested me to pray. I found she was not against it "with respect to Mr. *Morse* and the Children, but it could do her no good," as she expressed it. I prayed, when they had done what was necessary in the Sewing and Dressing. The Doctors tarry all night, as well as several to watch her. But I returned to my Family.

1774 November 29 (Tuesday). I made a Visit to Miss *Sarah Gale* who languishes under an Astmatick Cough and other Disorders. Instructed and prayed with her. Dined at Mr. *Gales*. Dr. *Ball* also there.

1775 January 23 (Monday). My Daughter *Hannah* complains much of her Arm, hurt against a Tree which the sleigh ran near to, in their way to Mill-River last Saturday.

1775 January 24 (Tuesday). *Hannahs* arm is much swelled and grows very troublesome.

1775 January 25 (Wednesday). *Hannah* has a bad Arm. Sent for Dr. *Hawes*; who came. *Breck* Sends up Dr. *Ball*. Both Doctors dine here.

1775 January 27 (Friday). Dr. *Haws* visits *Hannah* and dresses her Arm. The appearance is a little better. *Ben. Clark* is Sent over to Dr. *Balls* a Second time for more Unguent. *Polychrist* and to Mr. *Bass's* etc. for sundrys.

1776 March 21 (Thursday). P.M. Dr. *Ball* here. I visited *Abel Woods* who is Still confined by his Wound at Mr. *Tim. Warrins* -- instructed and prayed with him. He is in an hopeful way of Recovery. I drank Coffee at Dr. *Hawes*.

1776 May 8 (Wednesday). Mr. [*Caleb?*] *Harrington* goes to Dr. *Balls* for *Hay*. My Team goes, and *Chamberlain* goes also. They bring 400 lb., 2 for each of us.

1776 July 1 (Monday). P.M. The Companys of Militia (having been warned publicly yesterday after the Exercises) met together to gather out a Number of Men to march to *New York*. Our Proportion is 28. Mr. *John Ball* of *Northborough* who is employed by the Court in this Affair, is here and acquaints me with Some of the Reasons of the Delaying to send Recruits to *Canada*.

1776 October 9 (Wednesday). Mr. *John Ball*, being Spoke to by *Breck*, dug potatoes in the *Beeton* Field.

1777 June 10 (Tuesday). *Hannah* is very weak, but her Cough not so violent. Mrs. *Wood* rides for her Health, and came here; She is so good as to take up *Hannah* into the Carriage, and they rode to *Beetons*.

1777 June 11 (Wednesday). Sent *Elias* for Dr. *Ball*; who came, and Dr. *Hawes* is here with him, to consult about *Hannahs* Case. My Daughter rode a little way, a.m.

1777 June 22 (Sunday). I returned at Eve by Dr. *Balls* for my Daughters *Baldwin* and *Hannah*; both of them but weak and low.

1777 June 24 (Tuesday). Dr. *Ball* visits my Invalids and dines here.... Not only I, but a Number more of the Family were taken ill, about 1 o'Clock a.m.

1778 April 7 (Tuesday). I rode to Mr. *B. Balls* solemnizing the Burying of his New born, but Dead Child; and prayed there.

1778 August 10 (Monday). Lit also at Mr. *Jos. Knowltons* whose Wife is much better -- was at Mr. *Gershom Brighams* -- but especially I hastened to Mr. *Broad*, who though alive, yet is very low. The Bleeding has Stopped; but is now dropping. I pityed, instructed, prayed with him --

hastened Mr. *Rider* (who lives there) for Dr. Ball. When I got home, Mrs. P _____ inclined to go to him.

1778 September 2 (Wednesday). At 9 a.m. attend, and pray at, the Funeral of Mr. *Broad*. Aets. 25. N.B. His Mournful Widow falls into Travel. The women are with her, and Dr. *Ball* is come.

1778 September 3 (Thursday). Mrs. *Broad*, I understand, has been delivered of a son, but it was dead -- and to day it is buried; I attended and prayed.

1778 October 4 (Sunday). I went also to [*illegible*] was still under a grievous Fever. [*illegible*] Nurse's Mother *Ball* there.

1778 October 22 (Thursday). About 3 in the morning we were alarmed by *Breck; Suse* being in Travel. About Sunrise a little Daughter was born; and both Mother and Child in an hopeful State. All Glory to God the Deliverer! May His Goodness be perfected! The Company of Women, with Dr. *Ball* broke fast here -- with Mr. B. Bradshaw, who with Cousen [*illegible*] *Brigham* dined here also.

1781 April 13 (Friday). It has been a Night of Distress with dear *Suse* -- but God all-sufficient was almightily present, and a Child was born 15 minutes after One o'clock. To His glorious Name be all Glory and Praise! This Morning we all rejoiced. They needed to rally only the two Mothers and the two nearest Neighbours, Mrs. *Lamson* and Mrs. *Harrington*. Dr. *Ball* was the Instrument in the Hand of God: and Successfull, through His Concurrence.

1781 July 26 (Thursday). *Sophia* is ill. Dr. *Ball* is come, and Several Women are here, viz. Sister *Brigham*, Cousin *Maynard* and two nearest Neighbours *Lamson* and *Harrington*. A Daughter born.... N.B. Dr. *Ball* tells me he has brought 5 Children into the world this Week.

1781 September 11 (Tuesday). Dr. *Ball* was here to See *Sophy*, who is but weakly. He informs me of the sorrowful *Conflagration at New-London* last Thursday. Wrote to *Elias*, and got Dr. *Ball* to carry it to *Monro's* for Conveyance.

1781 October 8 (Monday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Bellingham*, to look after a Debtor, *Arnold*, a Quaker.... I was Sent for by the Widow *Brigham* -- I went -- her Throat is much Sweld: prayed with her. Dr. *Ball* and her Nephew *Grout*, attend on her.

1782 February 27 (Wednesday). The Funeral of Dr. *Balls* Wife. *Elias* goes to attend upon it. May God Sanctifie the Bereavement to the poor Doctor; but newly Snatched from Death himself!

Nahum, son of Stephen and Mary, born Feb. 7, 1782. Northborough VR, 14.
Mary, wife of Stephen, died March ____, 1782. Northborough VR, 126.

1782 June 6 (Thursday). Visited old Mrs. *Thurston*; Lieutenant *Bowman*, Messrs. *Benjamin Ball*, *Isaac Adams* -- was at Mr. *Jonathan Batherick's* House, but no body at home -- called at Mr. *John Balls* and at Mr. *Martyn Pratts*.